## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON DIVISION

IN RE:	CASE NO.:

TRACEY OTTO MCCULLEN DOROTHY JEAN PAPADAKOS

13-02176-8-SWH

Chapter 7

**Debtors** 

#### **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S MOTION IN AID OF DISTRIBUTION**

The undersigned Trustee, by and through counsel, gives notice of the Trustee's Motion in Aid of Distribution attached hereto.

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.)

If you do not want the court to grant the Trustee's Motion in aid of Distribution or if you want the court to consider your views on the motion, then on or before **March 21, 2014**, unless otherwise ordered, you or your attorney must file with the court, pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 and 9014-1, a written response, an answer explaining your position, and a request for hearing.

Pursuant to that Memorandum from Chief Bankruptcy Judge J. Rich Leonard, EDNC, dated February 24, 2005, attorneys practicing in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, including attorneys admitted pro hac vice, are required to file electronically all documents [including new bankruptcy petitions, motions, memoranda of law, and other pleadings, but excluding proofs of claim and documents to be placed under seal in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-4(6)]. Any documents required to be filed electronically pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-4(1) but presented in paper form on or after April 1, 2005, shall be accompanied by an application for an exemption from this rule and a proposed order granting the relief sought. The application shall state the reason(s) why electronic filing would impose an extreme hardship on the attorney. Local Bankruptcy Rules pertaining to electronic filling, including Local Bankruptcy Rules 5005-4(1) and 5005-4(2) may be found on the Court's website <a href="https://www.nceb.uscourts.gov">www.nceb.uscourts.gov</a>. Electronic filing may be done through the Court's web site. The Court's mailing address is at:

Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of North Carolina PO Box 791 Raleigh, NC 27602 If you mail your response to the court for filing, you must mail it early enough so the court will **receive** it on or before the date stated above.

You must also mail a copy to:

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If a response and a request for hearing is filed in writing on or before the date set above, a hearing will be conducted on the motion at a date, time and place to be later set and all parties will be notified accordingly.

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the motion or objection and may enter an order granting that relief.

DATED: February 25, 2014

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#### TRUSTEE'S MOTION IN AID OF DISTRIBUTION

NOW COMES James B. Angell, chapter 7 trustee for Tracey Otto McCullen and Dorothy Jean Papadakos (the "Trustee"), by and through counsel, and moves this Court enter for an order in aid of distribution to establish the relative rights and priorities of Chapter 7 claimants to certain property of the estate. In support of said Motion, the Trustee shows unto the Court the following:

- 1. On or about April 4, 2013, ("Petition Date"), Tracey Otto McCullen and Dorothy Jean Papadakos ("Debtors") filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition in this Court.
- 2. James B. Angell was appointed Chapter 7 Trustee for the Debtors' bankruptcy case by order of the Court.
- 3. The Court has jurisdiction of this adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 4. Venue is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1408 and 1409.
- 5. This proceeding is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §157(a)(2)(A) and (O).
- 6. The assets of the estate are generally comprised of the proceeds of
  - a. Property held as tenancy by the entireties located at 1801 Allens Lane, Wilmington, NC (\$124,852.44)(the "Real Estate Proceeds"); and
  - b. Three storage units and rights in Wrightsville Beach Storage held in the joint names of the Debtors (\$1,500.00)(the "Storage Units Proceeds").
- 7. Neither of the Debtors claimed a tenancy by the entireties exemption in the property located at 1801 Allens Lane, Wilmington, NC or the Real Estate Proceeds.
- 8. The Trustee proposes to first apply the Storage Units Proceeds, then the Real Estate Proceeds to make distributions in accordance with the priorities set out in 11 U.S.C. §726, retroactive to the Petition Date.

- 9. Although neither Debtor asserted an exemption based on tenancy by the entireties in 1801 Allens Lane, Wilmington, NC or the Real Estate Proceeds, the Trustee proposes to make distribution of the Real Estate Proceeds solely to creditors having joint claims against the Debtors.
- 10. Tenancy by the entirety is a form of ownership available between husband and wife. In North Carolina, tenancy by the entirety is comprised of five essential characteristics, unity of time, unity of title, unity of interest, unity of possession and unity of the person. Combs v. Combs, 273 N.C. 462, 160 S.E.2d 308 (1968). "The estate rests upon the doctrine of the unity of the person, and upon the death of one the whole belongs to the other, not solely by right of survivorship, but also by virtue of the grant which vested the entire estate in each grantee." Davis v. Bass, 188 N.C. 200, 124 S.E. 566 (1924). Neither spouse can convey his or her interest in the estate without the other spouse. Id. See also Worrells v. North Carolina Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co., 103 N.C.App. 69, 404 S.E.2d 188 (1991). Thus, under North Carolina law, neither spouse holds an individual or separate interest in property held as tenants by the entirety, rather, "each is deemed to be seized of the whole, and not of a moiety or any undivided portion thereof." Carter v. Continental Insurance Co., 242 N.C. 578, 579, 89 S.E.2d 122, 123 (1955) (quoting Davis v. Bass, 188 N.C. at 203, 124 S.E. at 568). Neither spouse may encumber the property without the written joinder of the other spouse. N.C. Gen.Stat. § 39-13.6. Accordingly, real property owned as tenants by the entirety in North Carolina is not subject to a claim by a creditor against only one spouse. Grabenhofer v. Garrett, 260 N.C. 118, 120, 131 S.E.2d 675, 677 (1963).
- 11. The Trustee has made distributions to date as follows:
- a. Administrative claims -

i.	Bank Fees	\$ 853.04
ii.	Bond payments	\$ 151.32
iii.	Broker fees	\$13,000.00
iv.	Exemption	\$ 2,070.04

Total: \$16,074.40

- 12. The Trustee presently has \$110,251.04 on hand for distribution.
- 13. The Trustee seeks an order in aid of distribution in this case in order to provide guidance to him in making a final distribution in this case.

Wherefore, the Trustee respectfully prays for the following relief:

- 1. That the Court enter an order in aid of distribution finding that, based upon the facts in this case,
  - a. The Trustee may apply first the Storage Unit Proceeds, then the Real Estate Proceeds to make distributions in accordance with the priorities set out in 11 U.S.C.§726, retroactive to the Petition Date; and

- b. Although neither Debtor asserted an exemption based on tenancy by the entireties for 1801 Allens Lane, Wilmington, NC, the Trustee shall make distribution of the Real Estate Proceeds solely to creditors having joint claims against the Debtors; and
- c. That the Trustee may rely on the order in aid of distribution in making a final distribution in this case; and
- 2. That the Court grant such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: February 25, 2014

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that she is over eighteen (18) years of age and the <u>TRUSTEE'S MOTION IN AID OF DISTRIBUTION AND NOTICE</u> <u>THEREOF</u> was this day served upon the below named persons, parties and/or counsel by mailing, postage prepaid, first class mail, a copy of such instruments to such persons, parties and/or counsel at the address shown below:

See Attached Matrix

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